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Carson (OK)	Herger	Thornberry
Conyers	Hunter	Velázquez
Crane	Istook	Weiner
Cummings	Jefferson	Weldon (FL)
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) (during the vote). Members are reminded there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LINDER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK, House of Representatives,

Washington, DC, June 2, 2004.

Hon. J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker, House of Representatives,

 $Washington,\,DC$

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from The Honorable Chris Nelson, Secretary of State, State of South Dakota, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special election held June 1, 2004, the Honorable Stephanie Herseth was elected Representative in congress for the At Large Congressional District, State of South Dakota.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL.

Attachment.

SECRETARY OF STATE, Pierre, SD, June 2, 2004.

Hon. JEFF TRANDAHL, Clerk, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on June 1, 2004 for Representative in Congress from the At-Large Congressional District of South Dakota show that Stephanie Herseth received 132,236 votes or 50.6% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Stephanie Herseth was elected as Representative in Congress from the At-Large Congressional District of South Dakota.

To the best of my knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official state canvass has been conducted on June 8, an official certification of election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

CHRIS NELSON.

SOUTH DAKOTA CENTRAL ELECTION REPORTING SYSTEM STATE TOTALS-JUNE 1, 2004

[Statewide: Precincts reported: 798; precincts to report: 798]

Party	Votes	Pct.
D	4,837	.06
D	69,454	.82
D	2,043	.02
D	2,942	.03
D	5,104	.06
R	129,292	.49
D	132,236	.51
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PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF MS. STEPHANIE HERSETH, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from South Dakota (Ms. STEPH-ANIE HERSETH) be permitted to take the oath of office today. Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest, and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE HERSETH, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Memberelect from South Dakota (Ms. HERSETH) come forward and raise her right hand.

Ms. HERSETH appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will liest opportunity so that the people of

and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are a Member of the House of Representatives.

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INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTA-TIVE STEPHANIE HERSETH

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, as Members know, it is the custom of the House when a new Member is sworn in after a special election, the senior Member from that Member's State has the privilege of introducing the new Member to the House. Since South Dakota only has one Member of Congress, that is not possible today; and so I have that privilege.

But I do want to acknowledge the escort committee to the gentlewoman from South Dakota (Ms. HERSETH), and that does have a nice ring to it, and what a distinguished escort committee it is, indeed: our former colleague, the Democratic leader in the United States Senate, TOM DASCHLE, and another former colleague from the House of Representatives, the distinguished Senator from South Dakota, Tim Johnson.

Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from South Dakota (Ms. HERSETH) will bring to this House of Representatives the values of the heartland of America and a voice for her generation. She comes from a very distinguished political family in South Dakota. Her grandfather was Governor; her parents were public servants, very respected in South Dakota. She comes here, though, to make her own mark and to make the people of South Dakota very, very proud.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to recognize the distinguished gentlewoman from South Dakota (Ms. HERSETH).

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

(Ms. HERSETH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my fellow Members of the United States House of Representatives for that gracious and warm welcome. I thank the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Pelosi) for that very kind and generous introduction. I thank Senators DASCHLE and JOHNSON for taking the time to be here with me and my family today. I also thank another native South Dakotan, Jeff Trandahl, our Clerk here in the House, for all of his work and the work of his office. And I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to be sworn in at the ear-